

Appl. No. 09/658,160  
Amendment Date May 3, 2006  
Reply to Office action of October 30, 2002

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is submitted in reply to the Office action mailed October 30, 2002.

The Examiner allowed, in Item 3 of the Office action, claims 36, 40, 41, 43, 44, 48, 52, 53, 56 and 57, if rewritten in independent form including all of the claim limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants submit amended independent claims 36, 40, 43, 48, 52 and 56 including all of the claim limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants canceled claims 1-35, 37-39, 41-42, 44-47, 49-51, 53-55, and 57 without prejudice or disclaimers.

The application is now in condition of allowance. An early issuance of a Notice of Allowance will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

May 3, 2006  
Date

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